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UFOs IN THE MEDIA! Topic For Next Study Group Meeting

The next meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. will be dominated by video tapes of several television interviews. Interviews of Budd Hopkins about his abduction research, as well as interviews of Stanton T. Friedman, Phillip Klass and several others will be shown. These interviews are conducted by such personalities as Sally Jessey Raphael, Night Line's Ted Koppel, Oprah Winfrey and Geraldo Rivera.

The viewing and following discussion of these tapes will take place at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 14 at the Farm and Home Savings community room, 110 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Groves, Missouri. All members of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. and many of their friends will be interested in learning more about what's in the news and on television concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.



FROM MEDUGORJE TO RADIONICS

By John E. Schroeder

The Parapsychology Committee Meeting January 6, was treated to an excellently documented speech by Larry Schultz. He linked the visions and revelations of "the Virgin Mother of Jesus" to six Medugorje children with those given at Lourdes, Fatima, San Domiano in Italy and three sites in the Americas. Each shared commonality in their message; the imminent end of the age, the need for repentance and conversion to the Christian faith, a heartfelt relationship with Jesus leading to upright living, an active desire for personal peace and peace in the world, and a deeper spiritual and prayer life. In each community thousands of pilgrims observed a strobe like flashing and even swirling corona of the sun. (One video of the Italian site demonstrated eight minutes of the sun's gyrations which could not be explained by fluctuating focus, superimposing a light source, animation, or easily achieved special effects since foreground and middleground objects moved at normal rates and showed the light reflection consistent with the rapid flashing.)

According to revelations at Fatima and another European site, "the warnings of troubled times" if repentance and return to Christ did not happen fast would

include rioting, World War III and repeated assassination attempts on the Pope. In contrast, since 1982, crime and delinquency in the Medugorje, Yugoslavia area have dropped to near zero and Christians, Moslems, Orthodox and non-churched have -- for the first time -- cooperated peacefully.

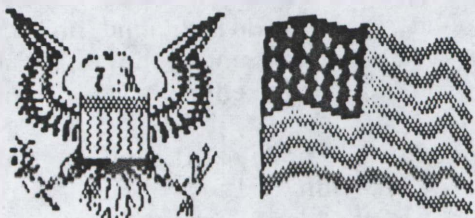
The Parapsychology Committee thanked Mr. Schultz for his excellent presentation which reflected both his faith and his careful research.

In the "sharing session", Tom Sinopole -- subject of "Survivor", an essay in the latest St. Louis Magazine -- told how a UFO close encounter led to emotional deterioration in his life, two years as a street person, and eventually to his return to responsible citizenship. Tom believes that the strobe effect at sites of supernatural visions, healings, alchemy, etc. are caused by UFO's imposed against the sun, as viewed by pilgrims.

Norma Parker reported an apparent UFO over flight with parapsychological after effects. She questioned whether her experimentation with a radionics frequency modulating device could have invited the curiosity of creatures manning the noisy UFO.

Marjorie Sherrill sought advice on questions to be posed for a parapsychological contactee to raise the credibility of such a witness to the scientific community. John Schroeder, Walter Palmer and Alex Horvat suggested requesting verifiable scientific data or experiments while Eleanor Schroeder recommended getting enough background on the contactee to raise credibility.

The next Parapsychology Committee meeting will be on February 3, 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Schroeders' home at 4991 Miami Street (352-3058). At that meeting, Norma Parker will explain and will demonstrate her radionics machine, purportedly invented by the electronics genius of the 1930's Nikola Tesla. Radionics is said to modulate frequencies and affect the psyche.



WHAT'S NEW FROM MUFON

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) is holding the 1988 MUFON UFO Symposium at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln on June 24, 25 and 26. The symposium will be held on the university campus at the Nebraska Hotel Center. The symposium will feature such speakers as Budd Hopkins, Dr. David Jacobs and Jerome Clark.

There will be a MUFON Central Region UFO Conference at the INN of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The conference is scheduled for the weekend of March 25 and 26 (Friday and Saturday) and is hosted by the Arkansas MUFON organization. Some of the speakers currently lined up are: Major Dewey Fournet - Head of the Pentagon UFO investigation during the 1952 Washington D.C. flap, Al Chop - a Pentagon spokesman on UFOs, Max Futch - U.S. Air Force, and Curtis Fuller - publisher of Fate Magazine. Room reservations may be made by calling (501) 253-9768 or writing:

Inn of the Ozarks
P.O. Box 431
Eureka Springs, Arkansas
72632

For more information, please call Bill Pitts, Ed Mazur (Arkansas MUFON State Director) or Bruce Widaman (Missouri MUFON State Director).

For anyone interested in a computer UFO network, Jim Speiser has initiated the UFO Bulletin Board in the Phoenix, Arizona area. The phone number of the bulletin board is (602) 837-0062.

Up In The Air - Down Under

There have been some reports recently about a rather interesting UFO incident in Australia lately. The incident happened on January 18, 1988 at 7:30 in the morning on the Erey highway approximately 750 miles east of Perth.

There were four people involved in the first siting, a mother and her three sons age 18, 22 and 24. They were traveling in the outback, a rugged, desolate area, when they saw a light following

behind a truck which was coming towards them. Upon passing the truck, the UFO made an abrupt u-turn and started following our four witnesses. The UFO reportedly lifted the car off the ground and carried it a short distance. When the UFO set them down, it did so hard enough to cause one tire of the car to blow out.

About 350 miles down the very same road and off the coast of Australia that same morning, an airplane was spotting for a tuna fishing boat. Both the plane and the fishing boat observed a UFO flying about and occasionally hovering.

The story of the car being lifted off the ground is very similar to a case in Eastern Missouri a few years ago which was investigated by the UFO Study Group. In that incident, a car was also lifted off the ground. In this incident, the car obtained a black ash like residue on it as a result of the incident.

Operation Majestic 12 More Information From Stanton T. Friedman

By Ken Hanke

Since the Majestic 12 papers came out last year, a great deal has been said about them regarding their authenticity. Indeed, a great deal of controversy has risen - especially in the UFO community. Such information as Documents and Supporting Information Related To Crashed Flying Saucers and Operation Majestic Twelve compiled by Bruce Maccabee of the Fund For UFO Research, Journal of the Fortean Research Center and The MUFON Journal to name a few. We at The Enigma do not intend to make any judgements as to whether or not these documents are authentic. Nor can we report more than a fraction of what has been written about these documents. Ultimately, it is up to each and every individual UFO investigator to research, analyze and decide for themselves whether or not these documents are authentic.

We would like to make available to you all information coming from the research team: William L. Moore, Jaime H. Shandera and Stanton T. Friedman. This last fall, we received additional information from

Stanton T. Friedman. Although we have not been able to print this information until now, we feel it is important to print and as the saying goes - better late than never. We begin with a press release from Stanton T. Friedman entitled "Comments On CSICOP Statement About Operation Majestic 12 Documents."

There is no basis whatsoever for the claims by CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) members Phillip Klass and Paul Kurtz that the Operation Majestic 12 documents are "bogus" or "clumsy counterfeits" or represent "one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public". I am dismayed but not surprised by these irrational attempts to discredit some of the most important documents ever released. Mr. Klass and Mr. Kurtz do a disservice to science which they supposedly serve, though not scientists themselves, and to journalism with their inadequate research and their totally incomprehensible failure to deal with the relevant information with regard to these documents. It is very easy to claim any documents are bogus. It is a very different matter to establish the validity of those claims.

The trivial discrepancies to which they refer as noted by the National Archives with regard to these documents are easily explained. For example, Klass has said his research showed that a brief memo from General Robert Cutler at the White House to General Nathan Twining at the Pentagon pointing out that there would be a slight change of plans with regard to a meeting two days later is phony because Cutler had left the country 11 days earlier. This is absurd. Cutler was gone, but he had two full-time heavy duty assistants! He had instructed them to keep material moving out of his "in" basket. A trivial matter such as the slight change in a classified briefing would certainly have been handled by them in response to any request from Eisenhower. The memo is not signed by Mr. Cutler. Anybody faking such a memo would presumably have attempted to make it clear that it was Operation Majestic 12 rather than MJ-12 and would also have made clear that MJ-12 or Majestic 12 dealt with flying discs or flying saucers. It would

be silly to go through the work to fake such a memo using old typewriters and old paper and yet not make it totally supportive.

Two other brief TOP SECRET memos from Cutler to Twining located at the Library of Congress in 1981 also have no registration numbers. One contains identical language.

Mr. Klass claims the September 24, 1947 memo from Truman to Secretary Forrestal is a forgery created by superimposing a fake message on a photograph of an authentic Truman letter. There is no evidence to support this claim. A print made from the original negative of the briefing document which included this very brief memo as attachment A (previously printed in The Enigma), shows no signs of any superimposition. Klass further makes much of the fact that it did not have Forrestal's address on the lower left hand corner. Considering that it was an EYES ONLY memo, not a letter, and that September 24 was the date of the only meeting in the last eight months of 1947 between Truman, James Forrestal and Doctor Vannevar Bush, who was also named in the memo, it would seem reasonable that it would have been written while Forrestal was present. Memos, as opposed to letters, do NOT include recipient addresses.

The third item which Klass attempts to explain away is the entire TOP SECRET / EYES ONLY briefing paper. Klass claims that it describes the 1947 flying saucer crash in New Mexico as if Eisenhower never heard of it. That judgement cannot be reached on the basis of the data in the document especially if, as was the case, the primary custody of these materials resided with the Office of the President. Even if Eisenhower had been informed of the crash, he would not have known all the details. Eisenhower had already made a public announcement, with presidential approval, in June of 1947, prior to the crash retrieval, stating that he would assume the presidency of Columbia University around the end of the year. The other members of Majestic 12 are clearly high ranking scientists and intelligence officers and technology experts. There is no reason at all why General Eisenhower, despite his military achievements, would have been considered for membership in such a group. To suggest that the document is phony on this basis instead of

on the basis of any mistaken information in it (there is none) certainly violates all the rules of science and journalism.

It is interesting that the CSICOP document makes no mention whatsoever of the detailed investigation conducted well before this document was either received, December, 1984, or released. This effort by Stanton Friedman and William L. Moore, clearly established, on the basis of interviews with 92 different people and extensive travel, documentation, etc. that indeed a saucer had crashed outside Roswell, New Mexico in July, 1947; that an announcement to this effect was made by the government; that a cover-up was instigated within 24 hours of that announcement; that alien bodies were found; that material was sent to Wright field for analysis; that civilians were debriefed with strong persuasion to change their stories as appropriate. Mr. Klass makes no mention of the fact that five people had been found who described strange symbols seen on portions of the crashed saucers. Strange symbols are mentioned in the document. Mr. Klass makes no mention of the fact that the twelve people named as being members of Majestic 12 all had a very high level security clearances and close interlocking of past activities.

Of special importance in this regard is the inclusion of Doctor Donald Menzel. Menzel was a famous astrophysicist at Harvard University and, beginning in 1953, wrote three strongly anti-UFO books. It would have seemed totally illogical for Dr. Menzel to be named as a member of the MJ-12 team. However, detailed research by Friedman clearly established that Menzel had the right levels of security clearances, close association with various intelligence agencies especially the NSA and the CIA, and close association with Doctor Vannevar Bush, Doctor Lloyd Berkner, Doctor Detlev Bronk, all named as being members of Majestic 12. Doctor Menzel was known for his discretion with regard to classified matters; was an expert on crypt-analysis; had learned Japanese; and would have been an appropriate person to look at the symbols. A close friend in his later years, a psychiatrist, has indicated that Menzel certainly would have been called to work on such a project. He doesn't think Menzel was on the project because the friend felt that there would be no reason

for keeping security past the first few months. That notion is equally absurd. Clearly if there were two crash retrievals in three years, there may have been more later. Clearly there was no way to learn all the technological secrets of a very advanced vehicle and strange beings in just a few years. Clearly there were national security implications with regard to the possibility of duplicating the technology, of the Soviets duplicating the technology, of learning that the investigation by the aliens was not necessarily to the benefit of mankind. There was also a great concern expressed in the memo with public panic as a result of any disclosures that might be made.

Mr. Klass has focused on the Cutler Twining memo, making it seem much more important by calling it a "report" and a "document" when in fact it is a brief two paragraph relatively informal memo notifying the Chief of Staff of the Air Force of a slight change in plans for a briefing. To expect the staff assistant doing that under the pressures of time and a very busy office with the boss out of town, to be greatly concerned about details of handling of classified matters other than to make sure it doesn't fall into outside hands, surely is irrational. It should further be noted that the 1954 Atomic Energy Act provided for the use of the new nomenclature Secret Restricted Data and Top Secret Restricted Data. Twining in a September 23, 1947 letter about flying saucers had clearly indicated a nuclear connection. Thus Top Secret Restricted Security Information typed in, apparently in the absence of a new rubber stamp hardly constitutes evidence of fraud.

Stanton T. Friedman also provided some additional background on how this research evolved. Friedman was the recipient of the three primary stories that led to the investigation by Bill Moore and himself of the events that took place near Roswell, New Mexico, July, 1947, which involved the discovery of the wreckage of a crashed flying saucer and bodies from the vehicle.

In one of these stores, Friedman heard about the Lydia Sleppy incident in California. Stan was referred to her by her son, a forest ranger, who himself had a UFO sighting. She is the person who

tried to transmit the story over the newswire and was stopped by the FBI and whose boss had apparently been told to shut up.

Another source, the manager of a TV station in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in talking to Stan prior to an interview in conjunction with Friedman's lecture at LSU, suggested he talk to Jesse Marcel of Houma, Louisiana, a ham radio operator friend who had handled pieces of a saucer in New Mexico many years earlier. Stan called Marcel and got his story.

Finally, Stan was told of an experience of a person who observed a crashed disc and bodies in New Mexico and was told not to say anything. This was passed on to Bill Moore who was then teaching in Minnesota.

Bill Moore found newspaper articles about Jesse Marcel which gave both of them an opportunity to check on Major Marcel's memories and to begin a much more detailed investigation since other names were noted. These investigations in the late 1970's eventually resulted in The Roswell Incident by Moore and Berlitz. Moore and Friedman have managed to locate about 90 people connected with the incident.

In the course of promoting the book, Bill Moore was approached by various insiders who provided some leads and some legitimate as well as false leads apparently checking on whether they would just swallow bait. Jaime Shandera worked on an abortive UFO movie project with Moore and Friedman later worked with Moore following up on various stories and leads. It was Shandera who received the film that included the 8 pages of the Eisenhower briefing document which has stirred up so much interest.

While on a visit to Washington, D.C. in March, 1985, Friedman learned that U.S. Air Force Group 341 was having it's classification reviewed by a team of Air Force people at the National Archives. When the review was completed, he notified Moore and Shandera who went to Washington and went through more than 100 boxes of files and discovered among other interesting items, the Cutler briefing memo of July 14, 1954 which referred to the NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project.

Despite substantial effort on their part, they found nothing which contradicts anything in the MJ-12 briefing. Friedman was able to establish that Dr. Donald

Menzel, who was supposed to be a true blue skeptic and author of 3 skeptical books, actually had a hidden life involving very highly classified work for such intelligence agencies as the CIA and NSA. Menzel also had a close connection with others on the MJ-12 team, especially Dr. Vannevar Bush, Dr. Lloyd Berkner and Dr. Detlev Bronk.

Since 1980, Bill Moore and Stan Friedman have, between them, published 6 papers updating the Roswell Research. The most comprehensive was Moore's paper presented at the 1985 MUFON Symposium in St. Louis (Hosted by the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis).

Several other sources of verification were also mentioned by Friedman. President Elect Eisenhower was indeed briefed at the Pentagon on November 18, 1952. At least one member of MJ-12, General Twining, was present at the briefing. To date, they have not been able to determine which other members might have been present because the briefing was held in the Chief of Staff vault and was completely closed to newsmen and other outsiders.

The Attachment A is a memo (TS-EO) dated September 24, 1947 from President Truman to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal which mentions Majestic 12, Vannevar Bush and the head of the CIA. It was established by Friedman that this was the only date between May and the end of 1947 on which Truman met with Bush with Forrestal present and that the subject was not noted on the Truman Library records. It also seems important that the date of a letter (classified SECRET) from Nathan Twining discussing the available information about flying saucers is September 23, 1947 and that Twining suggests that information about flying saucers be submitted to a number of technology bodies for which the common link is Vannevar Bush.

While it is certainly true that the members of MJ-12 are now dead and that some of the most important Roswell witnesses have also died in recent years, there still are persons alive who have vital knowledge and have been interviewed. These include Walter Haut, the Roswell press man who released the statement about the saucer retrieval. Dr. Jesse Marcel, M.D. is the son of Major Marcel who handled the pieces of the wreckage and observed the very strange

markings or writings on the wreckage. Frank Joyce was the local newsman who was the first recipient of Haut's release and of rancher Mac Brazel who changed his story at the governments instigation. The families of various local people involved in the story including Brazel's son and daughter-in-law are still available. General Thomas Jefferson Dubose was the adjutant to General Roger Ramey at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and took the call from Washington, D.C. that demanded a cover up and has repeated his story.

Friedman has located and interviewed the three children of General Twining, General Montague's only son, Admiral Hillenkoeter's wife, Donald Menzel's wife and is working on access to the papers of Detlev Bronk, Gordon Gray and other sources of information.

Although the National Archives and the Eisenhower Library have expressed some doubts about the Cutler Twining memo, these were expressed without reference to other facts that would have influenced their comments such as two other memos from Cutler and Twining's files at the Library of Congress and which use similar format, style and language. It is important that the Eisenhower Library had not been able to locate these memos or a memo that Menzel stated he had submitted about the NSA and which did get to Ike. They also state that they have not reviewed the 250,000 pages of NSC records which the library has received.

It is important to note again the concept that absence of evidence is NOT evidence for absence. Every single one of the roughly three dozen people interviewed (mostly generals) have agreed that secrets can be kept and that the existence of certain "Black" programs will probably never be revealed.

Some of Menzel's friends have expressed their doubts about his participation in a cover up and providing disinformation. Primarily because he never told them about MJ-12. There is no evidence they had the proper "need to know" and a great deal of evidence that Menzel was very discrete about his classified work not even revealing his TOP SECRET ULTRA security clearance at the very painful, McCarthy type Loyalty Hearing which he faced in 1950, even though the U.S. Air Force was only trying to withdraw his SECRET

clearance. His staunchest defender was Vannevar Bush. His close post-war ties with the intelligence agencies are not noted in any of the biographies which have been collected about Menzel.

St. Charles Research Committee

By Bruce Widaman

What is the St. Charles UFO Research Committee? We are people like you. We are interested in the age old mysteries of life, various scientific anomalies and the future of our planet.

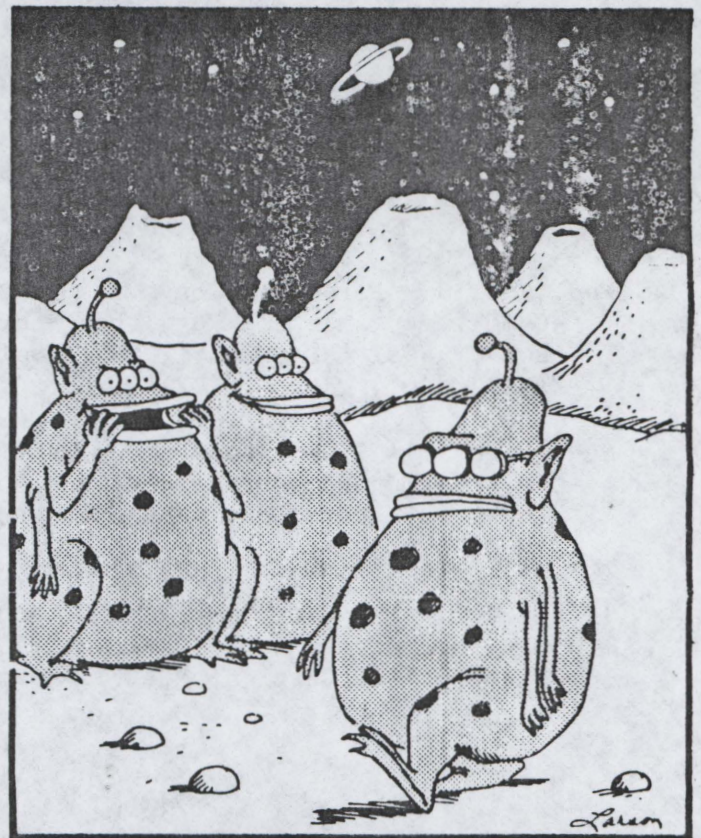
Please consider joining with us to intelligently converse about these matters.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Bonanza Steakhouse Banquet Room, 1215 Duchesne, St. Charles Missouri.

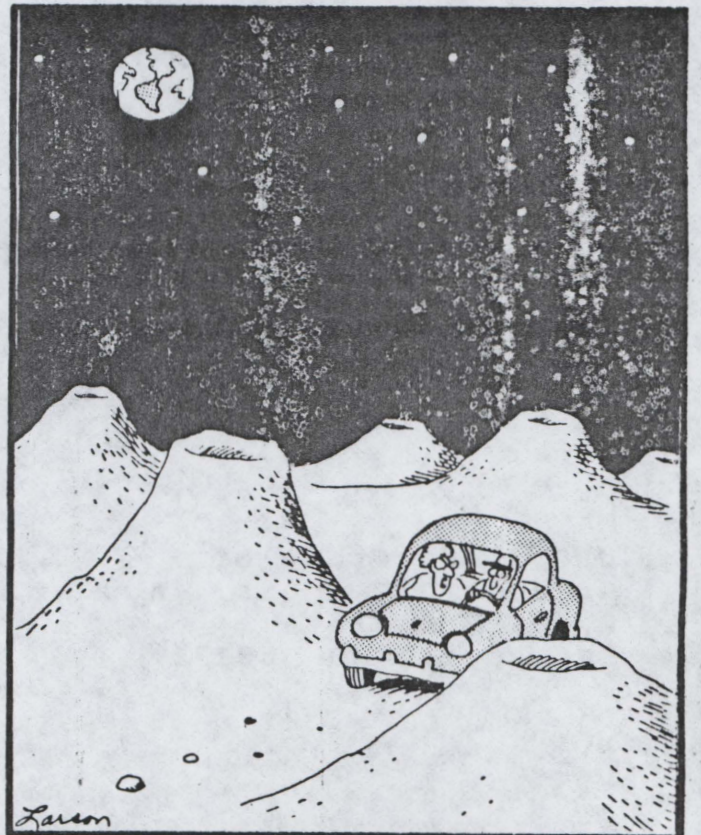
We are a branch of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. Membership in the Study Group is strongly supported by the St. Charles UFO Research Committee but everyone is welcome to attend.

Our charter and emphasis is upon discovering facts, utilizing scientific methodology and promoting credible public awareness. We provide a forum for discussion for those people in the northern St. Louis metropolitan area who like to get together informally.

Our meetings are always open to the public. We hope to see you there soon.



"Hey! ... Six eyes!"



"For heaven's sake, Elroy! ... NOW look where the earth is! ... Move over and let me drive!"

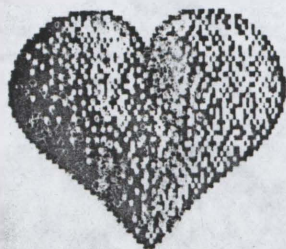
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(7:30 p.m.)

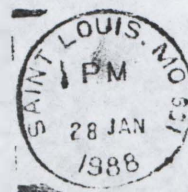
Sun. Feb. 14 - UFO Study Group Meeting at
the Farm and Home Savings and Loan at
Lockwood and Gore, Webster Grove, MO.
(2:00 p.m.)

Tues. Feb. 16 - St. Charles UFO Committee
at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South
Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)



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